

## Peace in Chaotic Times

We live in uncertain times and, as we seek to provide for our families, our lives are often stressful because we are just too busy. Then too, we as Christian men also seek to make a difference for Christ in this world. We see God's heart for righteousness and justice and we seek to live righteous lives. Sometimes all this activity increases the stress level to the point it spills over into our homes and families and they no longer are sanctuaries, but become places of chaos too.

Today, as we pause to consider our Christian walk, I ask that you receive the promise of God that the work of righteousness will be peace, quietness, and confidence. This promise of God tells us that his people will live in peaceful places, secure dwellings, and undisturbed resting places.

*<sup>16</sup> Then justice will dwell in the wilderness*

*And righteousness will abide in the fertile field.*

*<sup>17</sup> And the work of righteousness will be peace,*

*And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.*

*<sup>18</sup> Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation,*

*And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed resting places;*

Isaiah 32:16-18 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

Jesus had an amazing ability to stay calm even when crowds were pressing in on him and he faced great opposition. He could remain quiet and confident in the midst of chaos. We can learn much by following his example. He said that he only did what he saw the Father doing. That, along with the knowledge of who he was in the Kingdom, gave him great confidence and peace in every area of his life. How often do we charge ahead with those plans and activities that seem good and "right" to us without pausing to see where Father is working and joining him in that work? As we seek to live Godly lives and to bring about justice and righteousness, let's follow Jesus example, and begin every work in prayer and meditation, asking Father what the day's activities and priorities should be, listening intently for His voice, and then doing only those things that He lays out for us. Then we too can be assured of inner peace and, as Isaiah tells us, that peace will even manifest itself in our homes and families.